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Out and Powdered LOAF SUGAR.
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March 5, 1878.

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Hongkong, December 3, 1877.

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COFFEE ROASTERS, and COFFEE MILLS.
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Finest CHERBOURG BUTTER, in Bottles.

Hongkong, May 6, 1878.

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OF

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MANUFACTURERS,

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The Quality of the Aerated Waters manufactured is guaranteed to be First-class, the Machinery and Chemicals being New, and the Best which can be imported.

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SODA WATER, ... 40 CENTS.
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SODA WATER in large Syphons, 75 " "

A Reduction on these Prices is made on Orders of over Three Dozen. Bottles charged, if not returned.

13, Queen's Road, and 22, Praya, Hongkong, May 5, 1878.

FOR SALE.

THE 90 A 1 BRITISH STEAMSHIP "ARGENTINO," 915 Tons Register (1428 Tons Gross). For Particulars, apply to the Captain on Board.

Hongkong, May 4, 1878.

NOW READY.

A CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE CANTONESE DIALECT. Part I. and II. A to M, with Introduction. Royal 8vo, pp. 404.—By ERNEST JOHN ERIK, Ph.D. Tubingen.

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Hongkong, March 1, 1878.

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FOR SALE.

ICE CHESTS, THE LATEST AMERICAN IMPROVEMENT.

ICE PAILS, Plates and Tongs.
AMERICAN FORCPLAIN-LINED ICE PITCHERS.
POCKET SYPHONS, WEIGH ONLY 12 OUNCES.
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French COFFEE MACHINES.

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FRUIT and LIME-JUICE SYRUPS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, May 9, 1878.

SAYLE & Co.

GREAT REDUCTION in the PRICE of Plain Coloured

GLACE SILKS. For a short time only. We shall offer VARIOUS COLOURS at one uniform Price, 60 Cents per Yard, some slightly soiled but all admirably suited for Summer Wear, Evening Dresses or Undershirts. Our usual Price for these Goods is \$1.25 per Yard.

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Fine WHITE FLANNELS, made specially for Summer Wear.

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G. FALCONER & Co., WATCH AND CHRONOMETER MANUFACTURERS, AND JEWELLERS.

NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHARTS AND BOOKS.

46, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, April 20, 1878.

LOST.

A BLACK and TAN TERRIER with One Eye. Answers to the name of "GUNNER." Any one finding the same and sending it to the WEST POINT FOUNDRY will be rewarded if necessary.

Hongkong, May 11, 1878.

NOTICE.

OFFICE OF THE YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

SHANGHAI, April 20th, 1878.

NEW SHARE CERTIFICATES, in exchange for the Existing Ones, will be issued to Shareholders of record on the 15th May next.

It is requested that Shareholders will send in their Present Certificates as soon as possible after that date, and that those who have not yet signed the Deed of Settlement will do so without delay.

By Order of the Directors,

RUSSELL & Co., Secretaries.

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Intimations.

CHINA FAMINE-RELIEF FUND.

THE AMOUNT COLLECTED to Date aggregates \$12,230.59. Gentlemen desirous of Contributing are requested to forward their Subscriptions to T. JACKSON, Honorary Treasurer, at the HONGKONG and SHANGHAI BANK.

Hongkong, April 5, 1878.

HIS IMPERIAL RUSSIAN MAJESTY'S CONSULATE, HONGKONG.

NOTICE.

THE Shipping is hereby notified that Torpedoes have been placed at the entrance of the port of Wladivostok (in the littoral province of Eastern Siberia), and that Vessels, previous to entering said port must apply on board the Guardship, which is stationed outside, for an officer, who will pilot them through the dangers.

W. REINERS, Consul.

Hongkong, May 8, 1878.

DENTAL NOTICE.

DR. ROGERS begs to intimate to his Friends that he is about to visit SHANGHAI, and will be absent from Hongkong from April 1st to 18th June 1878.

Auctions.

FURNITURE SALE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, at Queen's Road Central, entrance Wellington Street, next to No. 5, Police Station, on

WEDNESDAY,

the 15th May, 1878, at 2 o'clock p.m.,

The whole of the HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, comprising: Damask Covered Chairs and Couches, Pictures, Mirrors, Side Tables, Centre Tables, Clocks, Carpets, Glass Ware, Electro-plated Ware, Wardrobes, Marble-top Washstand and Service, Toilet Mirrors, Toilet Tables.

Also,

A COTTAGE PIANO, by HOPKINSON, London.

An Aviary.

Flower Pots and Plants.

&c., &c., &c.

TERMS of SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. All Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

Hongkong, May 10, 1878.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

MESSRS. THOMPSON & HIND'S HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE will be sold by Public Auction at their Residence above their Store in Queen's Road Central, on

WEDNESDAY,

the 15th day of May, 1878, at Noon. TERMS of SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. All lots, with all faults and errors of description, at Purchasers' risk on the fall of the hammer.

Hongkong, May 13, 1878.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from H. M. Naval Store-keeper, to sell by Public Auction, on

FRIDAY,

the 17th May, at 11 a.m., at H. M. NAVAL YARD, SUNDRY CONDENSED NAVAL and VICTUALLING STORES, comprising—

Old Iron, Hoses, Boots, &c., &c.

Blue Cloth, Shoes, &c.

Chocolate, Biscuit Dust, Candles, Soap, Tobacco, &c.

TERMS of SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars, weighed at 7.1.7. The Lot or Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Government Auctioneer.

Hongkong, May 9, 1878.

BILLIARD TABLES.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have been instructed to sell by Public Auction, in their Sales Rooms, Praya, on

FRIDAY,

the 17th May, 1878, at 2 o'clock p.m., Two Full Sized ENGLISH BILLIARD TABLES, in Good Order, and Complete, with Cues, Balls, Marking Boards, &c.

TERMS of SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. All Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

Hongkong, May 7, 1878.

TO BE SOLD.

FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED.

On the 1st June, 1878,

BY

PUBLIC AUCTION,

(Unless previously disposed of by Private Contract.)

LOT No. 20, with all the BUILDINGS erected on it, known as the

"GRAND HOTEL,"

Which meanwhile will be carried on, on account of the concerned.

For Particulars, apply to the Auctioneers, BOURNE & Co.

Yokohama, April 29, 1878.

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHEW. The Steamship "KWANGTUNG," Capt. PUNCHARD, will be despatched for the above Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 15th Instant, at 8 o'clock p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, May 11, 1878.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA. The Steamship "JAPAN," Capt. H. DE SMET, will be despatched for the above Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 15th Instant, at 8 o'clock p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, May 7, 1878.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA. The Steamship "VENICE," Capt. F. ASHROD, will be despatched for the above Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 15th Instant, at 8 o'clock p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Hongkong, May 8, 1878.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & TAMSUI. The Steamship "ALBA," Capt. F. ASHROD, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 16th Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, May 13, 1878.

FOR SHANGHAI & YOKOHAMA. The Steamship "GLENLYON," Captain WALLACE, shortly expected from SINGAPORE, will have immediate despatch for the above Ports.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Hongkong, May 15, 1878.

Shipping.

Steamers.

MONTHLY SERVICE.

FOR COOKTOWN, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE,

taking Cargo and Passengers for all Australian and New Zealand Ports,

TASMANIA, FLUJ & NEW CALEDONIA.

The Australasian Steam Navigation Co.'s Steamship

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

THE BUSINESS of the Undersigned, from and after the 31st Instant, will be carried on under the Style of "LINSTEAD & Co."

T. G. LINSTEAD.
Hongkong, May 13, 1878. my20

NOTICE.

MR. WILLIAM HENRY HARTON, JR., is This Day admitted a PARTNER in our Firm.
GILMAN & Co.
Hongkong and Foochow,
May 1, 1878. jsl

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr EDWARD CUNNINGHAM in our Firm in Hongkong and China, CEASED on the 31st December last.
RUSSELL & Co.
China, March 8, 1878. s08

NOTICE.

THE Interest of the late JOHN GURNEY FRY in our Firm CEASED on the 30th ultimo.
SILVERLOCK & Co.
Foochow, May 1, 1878. my22

NOTICE.

THE PARTNERSHIP existing between Mr JOHN G. PURDON and Mr HENRY W. DAVIS in Hongkong and Canton, under the Style of PURDON & Co., is This Day Dissolved by mutual consent; either Partner will Sign in liquidation, and the Business will be carried on by Mr H. W. DAVIS under the Style of DAVIS & Co.
PURDON & Co.
China, April 30, 1878.

MR. HENRY W. DAVIS retires from, and his Interest and Responsibility CEASES in our Firm at Foochow on the 30th ultimo; and Messrs JOHN ANDREW MAITLAND and EDWARD F. BAGUE are admitted PARTNERS therein from This Date.
PURDON & Co.
China, May 1, 1878.

MR. JOHN GRAEME PURDON is This Day admitted a PARTNER in our Firm.
MAITLAND & Co.
Shanghai, May 1, 1878.

MR. CHARLES COLE is authorised to Sign our Firm per prouration at Foochow.
PURDON & Co.
Foochow, May 1, 1878. jsl3

NOTICE.

MR. GUSTAV FISCHER has been duly authorized to Sign our Firm by prouration from This Date.
E. MEYER & Co.
Tientsin, May 1, 1878. my22

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of the Undersigned in the Chinese Mail, 華字日報 (Wah Tse Yat Po), CEASED from the 1st August, 1877, but Debts prior to that Date will be received and paid by him.
CHUN AYIN.
Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

NOTICE.

IN Reference to the above, the Undersigned has LEASED the Chinese Mail from the 1st August, 1877, and has engaged the services of Mr LEONG YOK CHUN, as Translator and General Manager of the newspaper, which under its new regime will be found to be, as hitherto, an excellent medium for advertising, especially as the Manager is able to devote his whole attention to the conduct of the Newspaper.
KONG CHIM.
Lessee of the Hongkong Chinese Mail.
Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

Notices to Consignees.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
S. S. SINDH.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S. *Euphrate*, from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.
Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignees, before To-day, the 13th Instant, at 10 a.m., requesting it to be landed here. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.
Goods remaining unclaimed after SATURDAY, the 18th Instant, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
H. DE POUEY, Agent.
Hongkong, May 13, 1878. my18

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
H. DE POUEY, Agent.
Hongkong, May 13, 1878. my18

Ex "Irakoudy," from London, 5 cases Cottons, 1 case "London."
Ex "Tigre," from London, 10 cases Woollens, 1 case "London."
VH&O 68973, Order, 2 cases from Merchandise, 1 case from LOP 19, Mr. Schneider, 1 case from Fire Arms, 1 case from EM 1/6, Messrs. Meyer & Co., 8 cases Soap, 1 case from Hongkong, May 13, 1878.

Notices to Consignees.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S. *Emeralda*, from Manila, are hereby notified that their Goods are being landed and stored in the Godowns of the Undersigned at their risk and expense.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, May 4, 1878.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the Undermentioned Cargo are hereby informed that unless the same be taken delivery of within one month from this date it will be sold to pay expenses.
Ex *Argentino*, 30th April, 1877, 10 Cases.
Ex *Elgin*, 26th May, 1877, 8 Cases.
W S (in diamond), 8 Cases.
D S & Co. (in diamond), 1 Box.
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.
7, Queen's Road, Hongkong, May 4, 1878. j04

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR FREIGHT OR CHARTER.
The British Steamship "AMERICA,"
GRAHAM, Master, of 563 tons Register and 16,500 piculs Capacity.

For further particulars, apply to
BIRLEY & Co.
Hongkong, May 14, 1878. my17

FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. *Glenlyon* having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Undersigned, whence and/or from the Wharves or Boats delivery may be obtained.
Optional Cargo will be forwarded to Shanghai and Japan, unless notice be given before Two o'clock To-day.
Goods remaining undelivered after 21st Instant will be subject to rent.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.
Hongkong, May 14, 1878. my21

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debts contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—
FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE, British barque, Captain A. McIntyre.—Arnold, Karberg & Co.
DEVANA, British barque, Capt. William May.—Melchers & Co.
H. G. JOHNSON, American barque, Capt. Isaac N. Colby.—Arnold, Karberg & Co.
TA LEE, German barque, Captain M. Hoffmann.—Siemens & Co.
CEYLON, American barque, Captain Edward Kelly.—Olyphant & Co.
PATRICK FREDERICK CARL, German str., Capt. H. Mohr.—Butterfield & Swire.
AMERICA, British steamer, Captain J. Graham.—Birley & Co.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

May 13, *America*, British steamer, 563, J. Graham, Labuan May 7, General.—BIRLEY & Co.
May 13, H.M.S. *Lapwing*, from Amoy May 11.
May 13, H.M.S. *Swinger*, from Amoy May 11.
May 13, H.M.S. *Vigilant*, Paddle despatch-vessel, 985, Lieut.-Comm. W. M. Annesley, Amoy May 11.
May 14, *Glenlyon*, British steamer, 1373, John Wallace, London March 31, via ports of call, and Singapore May 8, General.—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.
May 14, *Quarta*, German steamer, 731, P. Hays, Saigon May 9, Rice.—SOMER SHING.
May 14, *Java*, Dutch steamer, 886, R. G. Weber, Saigon May 9, Rice.—Wm. PUSLAV & Co.
May 14, *Jeddah*, British steamer, 1541, Joseph B. Clark, Penang May 2, and Singapore 7, General.—GUY CHENG HONG.
May 14, *Norna*, British steamer, 606, Walker, Swatow May 13, General.—KWOK ACHONG.
May 14, *Chop-sai*, Chinese gunboat, from Canton.
May 14, *Chinkiang*, British steamer, 799, S. M. Orr, Shanghai May 10, General.—SIEMSEN & Co.

DEPARTURES.

May 14, *Charlotte Andrews*, for Quinhon.
14, *Pi de Ma de*, for Bangkok.
14, *Afghan*, for Hankow.
14, *Sindh*, for Shanghai.
14, *Ching-po*, Ohi R. C., for a cruise.
14, *Ningpo*, for Shanghai.
14, *Elizabeth*, for Foochow.
14, *Elizabeth*, for Yokohama.

CLEARED.

Bianca Portico, for Bangkok.
Auguste Richmers, for Yokohama.
Corona, for Manila.
Marie Charlotte, for Callao.
Tules, for Bangkok.
Andrews, for Newchwang.
Gustav, for Chiofo.
Enda, for Manila.
Kwangtung, for Coast Ports.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.
Per *America*, from Labuan, Baron de Overbeck, Mr Wall, and several Chinese.
Per *Glenlyon*, from London, &c., for Hongkong, Baron Humboldt von Horn, V. de Harck of Berlin, and Miss Macy; for Shanghai, Mr P. J. Maitland, and Master Love; for Yokohama, Miss Dalvey.
Per *Quarta*, from Saigon, 1 European and 77 Chinese.
Per *Java*, from Saigon, 89 Chinese.
Per *Jeddah*, from Penang and Singapore, 123 Chinese.
Per *Norna*, from Swatow, 2 Europeans deck, and 81 Chinese.
Per *Chinkiang*, from Shanghai, 48 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per *Sindh*, for Shanghai, Mr Ravenshaw, and Miss Cassinira Noronha; from Marseilles, Messrs Grandguillaume and Black; from Singapore, Mr de Espana (Spanish Minister); Messrs Latham, Cass, Feroje, Fookhwa, and Yamashita; from Saigon,

Messrs Herson and Andrieff, and 18 Seamen.
Per *Charlotte Andrews*, for Quinhon, 2 Chinese.
Per *Ningpo*, for Shanghai, 60 Chinese.
Per *Killarney*, for Foochow, 7 Chinese.
Per *Elizabeth*, for Yokohama, 1 European.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *America* reports: Moderate E. and N.E. winds with fine weather until 12th, when wind veered to S.W. still moderate with heavy swell.

The British paddle despatch-vessel *Vigilant* reports: Fine weather with light breezes from S.W.

The British steamer *Glenlyon* reports: Fine weather up to Ladrones Islands, heavy squalls with lightning at 10 p.m. of the 13th inst.

The German steamer *Quarta* reports: Fine weather throughout the passage.

The Dutch steamer *Jaya* reports: Light southerly winds and fine weather, last day thunder and much rain.

The British steamer *Jeddah* reports: Left Penang on the 2nd inst. and Singapore on the 7th, had light E. and N.E. winds for the first, and middle part of passage moderate South and S.W. winds, latter part, with fine weather throughout. On the 7th inst., passed S. S. *Fernandez* and a F. & O. Co.'s steamer, from Hongkong to Singapore.

The British steamer *Norna* reports: Fresh N.E. winds and cloudy atmosphere. Passed French Mail off Mendocina bound North.

The British steamer *Chinkiang* reports: First part light variable winds and foggy weather, middle and latter parts strong S.W. gales and heavy rains.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS will close:—

For SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.—
Per *Kwangtung*, at 11.30 a.m., on Wednesday, the 15th inst.
For FOOCHOW.—
Per *Pintshire*, at 1.30 p.m. To-morrow, the 15th inst.
For STRAITS SETTLEMENTS AND CALCUTTA.—
Per *Japan and Venice*, at 2.30 p.m., on Wednesday, the 15th inst.
For BANGKOK.—
Per *Fernandez*, at 4.30 p.m., on Wednesday, the 15th inst.
For HANKOW.—
Per *Cairnmuir*, at 5 p.m. To-morrow, the 15th inst.
For SWATOW, AMOY, AND TAMSUI.—
Per *Albany*, at 11.30 a.m., on Thursday, the 16th inst.
For QUINHON.—
Per *brig Taiter*, at 3 p.m., on Thursday, the 16th inst.
For NAGASAKI.—
Per *Quinta*, at 5 p.m., on Thursday, the 16th inst., instead of as previously notified.
For COOKTOWN, SYDNEY, E. AUS-TRALIA, &c.—
Per *Gunga*, at 11.30 a.m., on Saturday, the 18th inst. 12 cent rates.

MAILS BY THE ENGLISH PACKET.

The English Contract Packet *Guadalup* will be despatched with the Mails for Europe, &c., on SATURDAY, the 18th inst.

The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.:—

Friday, 17th Inst.—
5 p.m., Money Order Office closes.
6 p.m., Post Office closes except the NEWS BOX, which remains open all night.

Saturday, 18th Inst.—

7 a.m., Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.
10 a.m., Post Office closes except for Late Letters. Registry of Letters closes.
10.15 a.m., Letters may be posted with LATE FEE of 18 cents extra to Postage till 11 a.m., when the Post Office Closes entirely.
11.30 a.m., Letters (but Letters only) addressed to the United Kingdom via *Brindisi*, or to Singapore, may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 48 cents extra postage, till 11.50 a.m., when the Mail is finally closed.
Hongkong, May 4, 1878. my18

MAILS BY THE TORRES STRAITS PACKET.

The Australian Contract Packet *Normandy* will be despatched from Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the 21st Instant, with Mails for Singapore, Somerset, Cooktown, Cleveland Bay, Bowen, Koppell Bay, Brisbane, Sydney, Tasmania, New Zealand, and Melbourne. Correspondence cannot be Registered after 11.15 a.m.
The Mail will be closed at 11.30 a.m. Supplementary mail received on board with late fee of 18 cents till time of departure.
Correspondence for Southern and Western Australia can be sent by this route if desired, but as a general rule it is better to send it via Gallie.
Hongkong, May 10, 1878. my21

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.

The French Contract Packet *Tyde* will be despatched from Hongkong on SATURDAY, the 25th Instant, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, via Marseilles to Saigon, Singapore, Batavia, Gallie, Pondicherry, Madras, Calcutta, Bombay, Aden, Suez, and Alexandria.

The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.:—

Friday, 24th Instant.—
5 p.m., Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes except the NEWS BOX, which remains open all night.
Saturday, 25th Instant.—
7 a.m., Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.
10 a.m., Registry of Letters closes.
11 a.m., Post Office closes except for Late Letters.
11.10 a.m., Letters (but Letters only) may be posted on payment of a Late Fee of 18 cents extra postage, until 11.30 a.m., when the Post Office Closes entirely.
Hongkong, May 11, 1878. my25

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.

Noon.—*Kwangtung* leaves for Coast Ports.
3 p.m.—*Japan and Venice* leave for Singapore, &c.

Auctions.

Noon.—Sale of Household Furniture, at Messrs Thompson & Hind's residence, Queen's Road Central.
2 p.m.—Furniture Sale, &c., at Queen's Road Central, next to No. 5, Police Station.

General Memoranda.

THURSDAY, May 16:—
Noon.—*Albany* leaves for Swatow, &c.
9 p.m.—Meeting of Perseverance Lodge.

FRIDAY, May 17:—
11 a.m.—Sale of Sundries at Naval Yard.
2 p.m.—Sale of Billiard Tables, at Messrs Lane, Crawford & Co.'s Sale Rooms.

SATURDAY, May 18:—
Noon.—English Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.
Noon.—*Gunga* leaves for Cooktown, &c. Goods per *Sindh* undelivered after Noon, subject to rent and landing charges.

SUNDAY, May 19:—
Daylight.—*Argyll* leaves for Shanghai.

TUESDAY, May 21:—
Normally leaves for Singapore, &c. Goods per *Glenlyon* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

THURSDAY, May 23:—
3 p.m.—American Mail leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

TUESDAY, June 4:—
3 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

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THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, MAY 14, 1878.

Those who take an active interest in the Temperance Hall must have felt rather disappointed last night at the small attendance to celebrate the anniversary of that excellent and useful institution. The room was barely three-fourths filled, the front seats in particular being but little occupied. It is true that the weather may be regarded as unpropitious for the event, but we dare say hundreds of people will assemble in the Public Gardens this evening, to promenade about in the open air, be the weather far less agreeable than it was yesterday evening. There can be no doubt whatever as to the value of an institution like the Temperance Hall. A great deal is said now-a-days about the deterioration of the British seaman; he is described as a drunken, illiterate, unmanly fellow, who can hardly hold his own with the

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The only case of any interest at the Police Court to-day was one in which a woman named Ng Apo charged a man named Un Apo (who called himself a priest) with having thrown some gunpowder into an incense-burner, whereby she (the complainant) got her hands badly burnt. It appears that the complainant hired four priests to perform some religious ceremonies on the occasion of her birthday, and she complained to the defendant that, instead of performing the usual ceremonies, he and his brethren were performing ceremonies for a funeral. Shortly after this she got her hands burnt by an explosion of some gunpowder whilst standing over a pot of incense, and she at once suspected the defendant, and he was accordingly given into custody.—A witness appeared who said he knew the defendant to be a most respectable man and that the complainant was a Seng-po or prophetess.—The case was finally remanded, the defendant being admitted to bail in two householders of \$100 each.

H.M.S. *Vigilant* arrived here to-day accompanied by H.M.S. *Swinger* and *Lapwing*. From what we can learn the accident was almost exactly as we described it in our issue of the 9th inst. It occurred on the 8th, about 1.20 a.m., when she was then about 60 miles due East of Amoy. A noise was heard in the engine room, and the attention of the Engineers was fortunately at once directed to the machinery, or the consequences might have been more disastrous. The Engines were stopped, and it was then found that the port paddle-wheel shaft was broken. Measures were at once taken to remove the broken portion, and all the fore and aft sails were set; but there being nothing but light airs and calms at the time, they were of little use to her. At 11 a.m., the engines were again set in motion, and she proceeded with her starboard paddle, the port paddle meanwhile revolving by the force of the ship's way. She steamed almost equally as well as though she had had both paddles under control, and averaged a speed of 5 or 6 knots, reaching Amoy at 11 p.m. the same night and telegraphed to Hongkong for assistance. The S.S. *Douglas* bound North was spoken outside Amoy, and she took on the Admiral's despatches. The *Swinger* and *Lapwing* reached Amoy at 11.55 p.m. of Friday the 10th, and the *Vigilant* left in their company at noon the next day for this port. The *Vigilant* steamed all the way, her consort only keeping her in view in case of assistance being needed. We hear that there are some faint hopes of a shaft being procured here for her, but failing this, she will be detained for months until one can be sent out from home.

An inquest was held this afternoon, on the body of Lo Kam Hi, a Chinese female (single) about 37 years of age, at the Government Civil Hospital before the Coroner (C. V. O'neagh, Esq.), and the following gentlemen as a Jury, Messrs W. E. W. von Bowers, G. S. Yull, and John Edgar. The Jury, after viewing the body at the dead house, went to the house where deceased had been found. Dr Ayres proved viewing the body of deceased at the Hospital and making a post mortem examination. The body was well nourished; the right side of the face was much bruised and swollen and bloody froth was protruding from the mouth and nostrils. The left side of the face was plastered with some vegetable powder or paste. There were two marks on the right side of the neck, and eight or nine on the left. These marks were apparently caused by finger nails. There were no marks of violence on the hands, but there were some round the legs just above the ankles. Opening the chest, the lungs were found to contain blood; the heart was large, muscular and healthy; the tongue was bitten through, and judging by all the symptoms the death must have resulted from strangulation.

By Mr Yull: The deceased must have struggled. One man could have caused the marks found on the body.

I am Sir Un, a widow, said the deceased was her pocket daughter, aged 37 years. She went to California with her husband and returned lately. She came to witness's house to live on the 14th February. On the 11th of this month witness went to Cap Sing Moon and on returning, being ill from sea sickness, she did not see deceased. About 9 o'clock yesterday she called to deceased "you had better get up and make your meal," but no answer was returned. Witness sent her daughter-in-law to go and see her and got a light as it was dark, and the deceased was then found lying dead with her legs lying over the side of the bed, her head being against the wall. Her legs were tied together with a rope, and the upper part of the body was covered with a bed quilt. The body was not allowed to be touched, and the landlord was requested to go and make a report of the circumstance. No one ever came to visit her, either male or female.

By Mr Yull:—She could not look any queer from the inside. There is a hole in

REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.

(SUPPLIED TO THE "CHINA MAIL.")
(By Southern Route.)

LONDON, 12th May, 1878.

The Emperor of Germany has been shot at and escaped unhurt; the would-be assassin has been arrested.

It is semi-officially denied at St. Petersburg that the withdrawal of the Russian troops from Constantinople is commencing, and it is considered impossible, until the Turks have evacuated their fortresses and the British Ironclad Squadron have quitted

the outside of the room door, but it can easily be forced open.

After hearing a mass of evidence the jury found that the deceased died from suffocation and returned a verdict of wilful murder against some person or persons unknown.

The second anniversary of the Hongkong Temperance Hall was held in that institution, Stanley Street, last night. Unfortunately the weather had a very threatening appearance, and to this circumstance may be ascribed in some measure the rather small attendance. The Rev. J. Henderson occupied the chair, and commenced the proceedings with a few appropriate and forcible remarks. He specially drew attention to the lack of sufficient sleeping accommodation, and said that on one or two occasions as many as 60 persons had slept at the Hall, whereas they had only proper accommodation for half that number. After reviewing the operations of the institution during the past year, and acknowledging in extremely happy terms the liberal services rendered to the Hall by the Bands and men of the 74th and 28th Regiments, he said they were not yet able to cover their expenses, and he hoped the institution would receive increased support from the community. An exceptionally good programme of vocal and instrumental music was then gone through, and a very pleasant evening passed. One of the most noteworthy and clever performances of the evening was the duet, violin and piano, "Orpheus aux Enfers." Mr. Lammett was, as usual, the hard worked man of the evening, and we really do not know how these entertainments would be got through without the help of this old friend of the Hall, ever ready as he is to play, at the shortest possible notice, the accompaniments to young vocalists, who, as a rule, appear never to give this important element in their performances the slightest thought until the time comes for them to mount the platform. There was Mr. Woodford also, exhibiting his remarkable skill on the violin, or energetically coaching some troupe of juveniles through their performance. Mr. Woodford's affection for things mundane seems to be divided between "small boys" and his violin. They commonly both take a prominent part in these entertainments under Mr. Woodford's skilful manipulation. A cornet solo and other performances by a portion of the Band of the 74th were a valuable addition to the evening's entertainment, as also was a recitation by another prized friend of the institution, Mr. Fraser Smith. "The song, 'The beautiful young man,' in character, was very well done by a performer who has unquestionably a penchant for this class of entertainment.

The Report of the institution shows that during the year 13,586 meals were supplied, and 1,826 beds. The floors, forms, and lounge chairs had sometimes to be utilised as beds, owing to the demand for beds being greater than the supply. The donations during the year amounted to \$260, and the entertainments cost about \$10 per month. The house was self-supporting, but upon the general accounts there was a small deficiency. Contributions of books and papers are desired.

SUPREME COURT.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.
(Before His Honor James Russell, Esq., Acting Judge.)
May 14, 1878.

Kwon Ahn v. Aitken, \$8.40.—Plaintiff, a chair-coolie, claimed \$8.40 as wages for one month and 2 days, from 18th March to 18th April. He was employed, he said, to carry a lady, and defendant wanted him to carry him. The plaintiff admitted his indebtedness to end of March, but denied liability for the balance, as defendant had refused to do as he was told. He had ordered the defendant to help to carry him one morning, and he refused, first on the plea that it was not his duty and then that he was sick. In the course of the examination it transpired that the defendant really was sick at the time, and His Lordship therefore gave judgment for \$6 with costs.

MacGillivray v. Rose, \$75.56.—The plaintiff, a draper, engaged in England, at a salary of £250 a year, and he sought to recover from Rose & Co. the firm to which he had been engaged the difference in the rate of exchange at which his salary had been paid him (4/2) and the current rate to which he said he was entitled.

Mr. Francis appeared for the plaintiff. Miss Rose said that she had been 11 years in business and had always been in the habit of paying at the rate of 4/2 even when dollars were at 4/6.

Mr. D. MacGillivray, the plaintiff, was then examined. He said he was a draper, and entered into an engagement with Rose & Co. to serve in Hongkong; a written agreement was entered into; he left England on the 3rd May. His salary was to be at the rate of £250 a year. Nothing was mentioned about exchange. When he arrived here he asked Miss Rose for some money and got \$10. Two months after leaving England Miss Rose said "In case you want money I will pay you for 2 months." She asked how he would like to be paid and that it was usual to pay every three months. Plaintiff did not know anything about exchange at that time, and did not think about it until afterwards. He made up his mind to speak about it on the occasion of the next payment; but his salary was sent to him in an envelope and he then decided to speak of it on the first occasion they had cash transactions. On the 3rd May when leaving he received \$400, less \$23 money owing by him to the firm. Mr.

Rose in England paid plaintiff's life policy premium and charged it to the firm account; the rate of exchange charged plaintiff on this account (produced) was 5/11. Plaintiff spoke to Miss Rose about the exchange, and said that he thought there was a considerable balance due him, and she replied that she had always been in the habit of paying at the rate of 4/2. Plaintiff then took legal advice.

Mr. D. R. Crawford was then called to prove custom and usage, he said he had been many years in business in Hongkong and had a number of men employed in his business and nearly all were engaged in England. Sometimes their salaries were fixed in dollars and sometimes in sterling. In some cases the rate of exchange would be fixed in the agreement, and sometimes not. In cases where the rate was not fixed, at the end of the year they are credited with the amount of their salary at the average rates of our own remittances for the year. This has always been our practice.

By His Lordship:—The agreement of the last man who was engaged in England said current rates of exchange. It is certainly several years since the rate of exchange was as high as 4/2.

Miss Janet Rose said she was one of the partners of Rose & Co. The agreement put in by the plaintiff in the agreement made with her firm. She always paid salaries at the rate of 4/2, if the exchange was 4/6 she would still pay at the rate of 4/2.

His Lordship said he would look into the question and give his decision at an early date.

Wong Shun v. E. Spitz, \$241.99.—Plaintiff is Comproadore to Messrs W. Pustau & Co., and defendant is shipping clerk to the same firm, and the claim was for money advanced at the order of defendant, Comproadore orders for which sum were produced in proof that the amount had been advanced.

Mr. Sharp appeared for the plaintiff. Defendant did not deny liability, but claimed a set-off of \$90 the value of two silver cups and one telescope which had been stolen or were missing from his room, for which the defendant urged the plaintiff was liable as he was responsible for the honesty of the servants.

This was the custom in all firms in Hongkong. One of the chair coolies disappeared the same day the things were missed, and he was suspected. The police were informed of the robbery, but as yet nothing had been heard either of the stolen property or the missing coolie.

Mr. Sharp, on behalf of the plaintiff, denied liability, and said that the plaintiff had never entered into any written agreement to be responsible in this way, and further stated that defendant's room was accessible to anybody entering the house and the door was never shut.

Finally the case was adjourned until to-morrow, in order that evidence may be forthcoming to show what agreement the plaintiff had entered into with Messrs Pustau & Co.

JOTTINGS IN TOWN.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

LONDON, April 1878.

They say that one half of this world of ours do not know how the other half lives. I wot few of us dream, in the day and night wanderings of our minds, how late it might be, the other half dies. Take last Sunday afternoon. A bright, crisp and clear day. I loitered towards the Broad walk in the Park, to see the London world and his wife. The trees were budding, the sun shining and—the ladies smiling. All of a sudden, down the open lane from Kensington Palace, a dark and ominous-looking cloud came whirling. There was a regular stampede of males and females: all fled, hither and thither, dust and snow following them. The sky got dark, the air bleak, and we sought our friends.

Then came the startling news that, at the very hour when we were living and shivering, the training ship *Eurydice* had capsized with, alas! no Orpheus to sing her crew back to smiling life again. In that same whirlwind over went the gallant old craft, captain and officers and the hearty tribe of boys who were aspiring to become real British tars. Those on shore saw a gallant ship with sails full spread—as I once saw the patrician flag-ship *Rodney* sail proudly up the Yedo bay, with white unfurled sails against a leaden sky—and then a blinding storm of sleet and snow and then—nothing more, and had not a little ship been passing, none would have come back to tell us how the old *Eurydice* went down. Brave little ship! How she sailed, how she slept you now?

"O Lord, methought, what pain it was to drown! What dreadful noise of water in mine ears! What sights of ugly death within mine eyes! Methought I saw a thousand fearful wrecks; A thousand men that fishes gnaw'd upon; Wedges of gold, great anamels, heaps of pearls, Innumerable unvalued jewels; All scattered in the bottom of the sea; Some lay in dead men's skulls; and in those holes Where eyes did once inhabit, there were crept, As 'twere in scorn of eyes, reflecting gems."

A paragraph has been going the newspaper rounds to the effect that China is objecting to occupation of Koida by the Russians. China it would appear, has remonstrated for some time past, but remonstrances come to blows, Russia heeds them but little. I never felt being amused at the greed Russia has for annexation. A dust-heap, or anything to swell the edges of the Russian map, seems only too welcome prey. I should imagine the map of Russia as regards the stray land on the borders of inland China would need changing every few months. A bleak and barren plain lies beyond, on to which a few bright and fertile settlements are placed, and then the property becomes Russian. Occasionally a little village or a petty town comes in the path. Well, compassion! But despatches reach St. Petersburg will be necessary, and another town-dot is added to the Russian map. Eastern Russia, the land of children, think I. It was the same in Northern Japan: the Amoor is pleasantly near Yesso, so, of a sudden, a row of grim forts smiled at the Japanese. They didn't like it, but they did their best to grin and bear it. Then it was all so amiably done. There was a Russian admiral—

he, I think who had got orders to bombard and take Hongkong during the Crimean war—and his little fleet, and he would make us drink his Emperor's health, and he would insist on giving us that fresh caviar. We were strangers and—he took us in.

I cannot help but think that the good Bishop of London, whom I have heard preach eloquently upon charity and brotherly love, makes rather an error in depriving the Rev. Mr. Headlam of his living, because that broad-viewed parson advocated the support of theatres and music halls. This animadversion by church against stage is very strange, seeing that the drama originally sprang from the church. All early plays were of a religious character, depicting, for instance, the Passions of Christ, and likewise play-acts were erected in the grounds around the churches. The modern theatre, doubtless, needs improving, but the vain, futile efforts at stamping it out will never cleanse it of its sins. Mr. Headlam has, however, survived the outrageous slings and arrows of his outraged Bishop. He has done more: having lost his spiritual living, he has taken a temporal—so far as life goes—helpmate in the shape of a wife, and the profession whose views he fought for are getting up a subscription for him. This latter is unwise, I think; the profession is scarcely in such low water as to need to, as it were, "tip" the votes that strives to pick it up. The world in most part is satisfied with it, and is content to let the good Bishop ignore its performances, and smile, in his own house, over the post-prandial song and story washed down with tawney port wine.

While on the subject of the theatre. I may mention that it is more than likely that, during the present season, some acknowledgement of the drama by the State will be revived. It is long time now, since there has been a "command night" at one of our play-houses. The Queen, privately, is a most liberal and ardent supporter and admirer of the stage, but since her retirement, she has not personally patronized it. The other members of the Royal family seldom miss a piece, while, it is most amusing to note, with what pertinacity the Princess Beatrice goes to play, on those few-and-far-between nights when she and her Royal mother are in town. I was reading a play to-day which, it was dated 1697, was being performed "by His Majesty's own servants," and up to this day the actors at Drury Lane are entitled to call themselves "Her Majesty's servants,"—a privilege they have only recently departed from. If this recognition, in a public way, I mean, comes about, it will be due to the Princess Beatrice who, the other evening, was so enamoured with the performance of *Diogenes* at the Prince of Wales' theatre, that she came to talk to the Queen. I believe there will either be a command night at this theatre, or else the players will be summoned to the private theatre at Windsor Castle, a building which the late Prince Consort took an especial care of and interest in. It is high time the State did something to discountenance the attacks of the church against the drama, attacks made with as much venom as was wont to be the case in the old and ignorant Puritan days.

I am informed that the War Office have arranged that, should any of our Highland regiments go abroad on active service, they should don the new regulation helmet, and leave their feather bonnets at home, to be resumed in times of peace. This is right enough, for, though the "swing" of the bonnet looks rarely well in a march past at a review, it is a cumbersome head-dress for warfare. Connected with this, however, I hear that a petition is being got up by some of the officers attached to these killed corps, to get back their old original head-gear. This, it appears, was the flat, or strathdon bonnet, with eagles' feathers: these latter, in the private's dress, were carried across and the ends fastened down to the sides of the head, rather than an elaborate imitation. With the officers, the eagle feathers stood up, like those worn by chieftains of clans in the present day. Besides, the present high bonnet is not Scotch, whilst the low, flat shape is. John Kemble, the great actor, was wont to wear a bonnet belonging to the 42nd Highlanders, when playing *Macbeth*. In the Edinburgh theatre, one evening, on the curtain rose, Sir Walter Scott tossed this head-dress aside and substituted the flat bonnet with the eagles' feathers. Kemble always confessed that his appearance with this latter was always worth a round of applause.

Although the wording of our present comic songs is far from being edifying, and, in reality, is composed of the most feeble jargon which could possibly be strung together, yet the music these are set to, for the most part, very catching. None are more active at getting hold of it than the organ-men, while, oddly enough, the German and other street bands ignore it, and rarely rush at the high and mighty classical, which they cannot play, and in the biots in which efforts after the sublime, the trombone utters so prominent a part. Most of the modern dance music—excepting, of course, those dreary German waltzes which come at times—is founded on those comic airs, and it is immense fun, when studying contracts, to see the haughty Duchess advancing in a quadrille, while the band is expostulating with "Whooa Emma." The pipes and drums of the Guards' bands as they march, every morning, to mount entry at St. James' Palace, invariably play a medley quick-step, and one cannot help a smile as one hears the quaint notes of the flute which, as it utters diads, sends forth the "puff, puff" of the order to "Jemimah, blow the fire."

One of the chief pictures of attraction at the forthcoming Academy, will be the portrait, by Millais, of Mrs. Langtry, the daughter of the Dean of Jersey, who, last season, with her pretty face, was the talk of the town. The photograph shows are full of her—the old story, you know—planned by a Bishop and an Actress. She is handsome, and pretty, but I don't know that she is the lovely and divine creature she is made out to be. But then, society lost its head over her, and no dance, dinner or assembly was complete without her. Royalty took her up, the Prince of Wales presented her husband to the Queen, at the last drawing-room—it is now suggested that to make a proper balance, the Princess should present the wife. As she is not a public character; as her husband is a plain, private gentleman, I really don't see why her pictures should be sold.

Husbands seem to have no control in these matters. What a jolly life she must be leading, compared with the prosaic existence of Jersey. By the bye, does that island make any of her daughters beautiful? Mrs. Bonny, the actress, after whose face all London was wont to rave, came from there; she was a minor actress there; Tom Taylor made her a leading actress here—but she has woefully fallen off in face, sadly degenerated in her playing. Nevertheless—I shall go to Jersey.

Have those crystallised violets, to remind you of home spring, got out your length yet? Those dark purple, sweet scented violets. They are, I think, about the best collection I know. When eating some, after dinner the other evening, I wondered how the colour, so true and so strong, was retained. To my surprise, what was eating, turned out to be the veritable blossoms, and most delicious they were. I also tasted orange blossoms done in the same way. The preserving is very slight, and scarcely interferes with the appearance of the original bloom. There are violets—and violets as you know; the one I speak of is very pleasant, when taken from a lady's hand, yet, aristocratic as they are, I doubt if they take the palm from those other plebeian "violets" we are now getting in our spring salads.

There are no greater humbugs than players when they have reached being famous, and the jealousies they possess for one another passes comprehension. If you look "under the clock" in the home papers which reach you, you will find all the names of those who are acting as I write. One Saturday evening—the day most places come out, giving time to critics to praise or condemn them, while everybody else is at church next day—that fusty old play *The Lady of Lyons* was revived, with a celebrated actress in the character of Pauline. The lady can act, and is, to my mind, very beautiful in face. The Monday's reviews of her performance, at least those in *Times* and *Telegraph*, were very hostile, so, all of a sudden, before Tuesday night, down came a regular Doctor's certificate to say that the actress was too ill to appear any more during the week, but that, if fortune favoured her, she would be ready to do Juliet, her best role, the following Monday. Another actress—what is termed "the under-study"—assumed the character, made a hit, and, being lent, poorly-fitted houses had been the order, people suddenly began to book seats to see the new Pauline. On Thursday morning, the management was informed that the first actress had sufficiently recovered as to be able to resume her work that evening. It is said, but I cannot vouch for it, that, whilst the present "under-study" is retained in the company, the leading lady's health will not again give way.

There is considerable unpleasantness going on in a somewhat distinguished regiment which has just reached India, from home, and as usual, a woman is at the bottom of it. It appears that the Colonel got the command of the corps in question, much against the universal wish of all the officers, by whom, in common with the private, he is greatly disliked. The officers have sent him a round-robin, asking him to either send in his papers, or exchange into another regiment. The odd part of the whole story is, that the Colonel's wife was once more than a mere acquaintance of one of the officers in this same regiment, and a lady well known in the Gibraltar garrison some years ago.

I happened to be in Scotland, the other day, and was struck with the remark made by one of the circuit Judges, when trying a case of assassination—wherein one man shot at another from behind a hedge—that such a crime was an almost unknown thing in Scotland. How strangely this contrasts with the news which has just come from Ireland regarding the cruel and deliberate murder of Lord Leitrim. It is a melancholy thing for a country when its people come to view life, and the taking away thereof, in so light and cheap a manner. Indeed, Ireland is gaining a reputation as a land of assassination, more glowing in its desperate story than any land given up to brigandage. Of course all kinds of rumours are afloat as to the motive—rows with tenants and what-not; but it is a more than whispered that the late Lord—one looks upon these Irish Lords as being, as Edward Terry would say, "such daws"—caused much domestic troubles amongst the daughters on his domains. There is, you know, always the stone ready to be thrown: be that as it may, be his faults, his goodness, his vices, his virtues what they may, he has been foully murdered by cowards.

"Duncan is in his grave:
—nor steels, nor poisons,
Malice domestic, foreign levy, nothing,
Can touch him farther."

CHINA.

SHANGHAI.

We mentioned on Monday that the steamer *Galley of Lorn* was ashore at Woosung. After lightening over a thousand tons of her cargo, coals from Nagasaki, she floated, and came into port yesterday (May 7th).

At a special general meeting of shareholders in the Yangtze Insurance Association, held yesterday at the office of the agents, Messrs Russell & Co., the accounts were presented for the fiscal year ending 30th September, last. The net premium, less re-insurance, amounted to Tls. 259,974, against Tls. 258,408 during the preceding fiscal year, a result which, under the circumstances, the Directors considered very satisfactory. Tls. 79,914 had been paid on account of losses, and further claims to the amount of about Tls. 10,000 were pending. Tls. 90,000 had been absorbed for interest on Shareholders' capital at the rate of fifteen per cent, and a return of twenty-five per cent, on net premium contributed had been divided among policy-holders. The Association is now completely reorganised under the new Articles of Agreement of 1877, and regular dividends are hereafter payable in July and January of each year. The Accounts were formally adopted, and the Directors were thanked for the care and ability with which they had re-organised the Association.

The Straits.

The *London Gazette* of the 2nd April has the following:—"74th Foot.—Lieut.-Col. and Brevet Col. William Kelly M'Leod retires on half-pay."

The Colonial Secretary notifies that fractional parts of the Japanese Yen dollar are not legal tender in these Settlements, and

will not be received at the Treasury or any Public Office.

His Japanese Majesty's ironclad corvette *Ho Yie*, Captain F. R. Blackburne, R. N., from New Milford, England, with dates to the 23rd March, via Malta, Fort Said, Suez, and Aden, anchored in the roads yesterday (May 6th) and will leave for Yokohama this afternoon. The *Ho Yie* is a vessel of 1792 tons, carries 75 men, and is armed with 9 heavy guns. She is at present under the command of an English naval officer, and is manned by a European crew, but they will, we hear, be replaced by Japanese on her arrival at her destination. The *Ho Yie* will no doubt be a formidable addition to the naval resources of the Japanese Empire; she is the second vessel that has passed here lately for the Japanese Government which has been built at home.

THE CESSION OF TERRITORY IN BORNEO.

(Straits Times.)
In connection with the recent cession of territory in the North-east of Borneo, and the claim set up by the Manila Press that it is an infringement on the rights of Spain in that quarter as founded on treaties with Sulu and its dependencies, the text of Spain's treaty with Sulu in 1836 possesses some interest as throwing some light on what is meant by "Sulu and its dependencies" which were ceded to Spain by her later treaty with Sulu in 1851. Appended, therefore, is a copy of the treaty of 1836.—Treaty of Peace and Commerce between Spain and Sooloo, signed at Sooloo, Sept. 23rd, 1836. Capitulations of peace, protection and commerce between the Government of Her Most Catholic Majesty and the Sultan and Datus of Sooloo.

(Translation.)
Capitulations of Peace, protection and commerce stipulated with the most excellent Sultan and Datus of Sooloo by the most illustrious Senor, the Captain General, Governor of the Philippine Islands, in the name of the High and Mighty Sovereign Her Catholic Majesty, both parties having previously agreed thereupon that is to say:—The Captain of the Royal Navy Jose Maria Malson, Commander-in-Chief of the Naval forces stationed in the Roads of Sooloo to represent the Spanish Government as the Plenipotentiary of the most illustrious Senor the Captain General Don Pedro Antonio Salazar, Governor of the Philippine Islands and for the other party the Sultan Mohamed Dismul-Quiram and the Datus who sign the terms they have agreed to:—

Art. 1.—The most illustrious Senor, the Captain-General Governor of the Philippine Islands, on the part of Her Catholic Majesty, doth assure to the Excellent Sultan and the Datus of Sooloo, for now and forever, the most solid peace on the part of the Spaniards, and of the natives of all the islands subject to the Crown of Spain, with the tributaries in the lands subject to the Sultan and his Datus, and he offers the protection of his Government and Naval and Military assistance for any war that the Sultan may be under the necessity of carrying on against the enemies who may attack him, or in order to subject the towns which may revolt, any of the islands situated within the limits of the Spanish jurisdiction and which extends from the Western Point of Mindanao (Magindano) to Borneo and the Paragus (Palawan), with the exception of Sandakan and the other countries tributary to the Sultan of the Continent of Borneo. The Sultan of Sooloo on his part accepts the friendship and protection of the Spanish Government, and engages also to preserve peace with all the subjects of H. C. Majesty, and to consider as enemies all those who may henceforward be such to the Spanish nation, and to concur with armed forces for the wars which may arise in the same manner as if they were Spaniards. In case of this aid being rendered, the provision for the subsistence of the Soolooans to be at the expense of H. C. Majesty, the same as for the other soldiers and individuals of Her Army and Navy. The 2nd clause of the Capitulations of 1737 is hereby renewed and explained as not including the obligation to lend aid in wars with European nations.

Art. 2.—In consequence of the friendship and protection which unites Sooloo with the Spanish Provinces of the Philippine Islands, the Soolooan ships may sail and trade freely in the open ports of Manila and Zamboanga, and the Spanish in that of Sooloo, where both of them will not only be admitted, but will find protection and the same treatment as other nations.

In a separate capitulation, the duties are regulated which the Spanish vessels are to pay in Sooloo, and those which Soolooan vessels are to pay in Manila and Zamboanga, but by these capitulations it is agreed that the Soolooans are to pay less than foreign ships and the Spaniards are not to pay so much as is exacted from other nations.

Art. 3.—In order that the trade of Spanish vessels at Sooloo may not suffer the losses and delays caused by the difficulties of its market, the Sultan and the Datus agree that a factory or "Bantalan," with substantial warehouses, shall be erected for the use of Spanish merchants, where goods may be deposited without risk, and the Sultan and the Datus promise always to respect this place, in which there is to be a resident Spanish Agent who will manage all the affairs entrusted to him. If the Soolooans should wish to do the same in Manila, they are at liberty to do so, but the Spanish Government will receive goods on deposit in the Custom House of that city at a duty of only one per cent. The Sultan will fix a proper place for building the Warehouses, where vessels may be easily loaded and unloaded, and the Spanish Government will require from the Sultan the workmen and materials they want and pay him for the same.

Art. 4.—In order that the Spanish and Soolooan trading vessels may sail and trade with security, free from the piracies of the Olanuns and Zamales, the Spanish Government will augment their Naval forces, which will equally protect the one and the other; and that the innocent may not be mistaken for the guilty, the following rules are to be observed:—

1. Every Spanish vessel arriving at Sooloo must, when she casts anchor, show her license to the Sultan, and she will affix his seal thereto when she sets sail. If not the Captain shall be punished at Manila.—2. Every Soolooan vessel going Manila or Zamboanga must have a license from the Sultan and with it the permit and insurance.—3. Every Spanish or Soolooan vessel going to trade at Magindano must go first to Zamboanga to give notice to the Governor, who will sign a license for it gratis.—4. All Spanish and Soolooan vessels which meet the Olanuns and Sindog vessels

without a license from the Sultan and Governor as above-mentioned, shall be seized and shall forfeit all their cargoes, of which 2/8 will go to the captors, and 1/8 to the Sultan, if a Soolooan, or to the Governor, if a Spanish vessel.—5. The Governor of Zamboanga shall determine what is to be done with respect to the sale of goods from the towns of Filus and Basilan, as friends of that place.—6. The Soolooan trading boats which go from the islands belonging to the Sultan either out to sea or to Mindanao with license should not flee from the ships of war they may meet with, because they are meant to defend them, and to pursue evil-disposed persons. The commanders of these ships will have orders to receive and conform to the instructions of the Sultan.

Art. 5.—The Sultan and Datus of Sooloo engage to prevent the piracies of the Olanuns and Zamales in the Philippine Islands, and if they are unable to do so, the Sultan will inform the Spanish Government that it may co-operate or do so itself.

Lastly.—Should the meaning of this Capitulation not agree in the two languages, the literal Spanish text shall decide the doubt.

Palace of Sooloo, 23rd September 1836, which is the 14th of the Moon Yumade Agio of 1852.

Seal of—MAHOMED DIAMUL QUIRAM.
PEDRO ANTONIO SALAZAR.
JOSE MARIA MALAN.

Quotations.

HONGKONG, May 14, 1878.
OPIMUM.—New Patna, cash, \$580 a 582; credit, ..
Old Patna, cash, .. None
credit, ..
New Benares, cash, 557 1/2 a 560
credit, ..
Old Benares, cash, None
credit, ..
New Malwa, cash, 785
credit, 780
Allowance Taela, 6 a 16
Old Malwa, cash, ..
credit, ..
Allowance Taela, ..

CAMPFIRE, 16.75 a 17.00
QUICKSILVER, 61.00 a 61.75
SALT PETRE, 6.25 a 6.80

Exchange.

Bank, on demand, 3/10 1/2
" 30 days' sight, 3/10 1/2
" 6 months' sight, 3/11 1/2
Credit, 3/11 1/2
Documentary, 6 months' sight, .. 3/11 1/2
Bombay, demand Rupees, .. 227 1/2
Calcutta, 227 1/2
Shanghai, demand, 72 1/2
" 30 days, 72 1/2
Bar Silver, 17, dwt. B., .. 10 1/2
Sycee, 8 1/2
Mexicans, 14 p. a. p.m.
Gold Leaf, 26.90
English Sovereigns, 5.24
Australian Sovereigns, 5.25
Discount, 7 to 9 %

Shares.

Hongkong Bank, 63 % prem.
Union Ins. Society of Canton, \$1,325
China Traders' Ins. Co., \$1,800
Onass Insurance Co., \$270
Yangtze Ins. Assoc., Tls. 640
North China Ins. Co., Tls. 950
S. K. Fire Ins. Co., \$700
China Fire Ins. Co., \$180
H. K. & W. Dock Co., 81 % prem.
J. E. O. & M. S. boat Co., 87 d. d.
Shanghai Steam Navigation, Tls. 21
Hongkong Gas Co., 87 1/2
Hongkong Hotel Co., 85
China Sugar Refining Co., 7 % prem.
Chinese Imperial Loan, \$104.
Do. of 1877, \$102 1/2.

Temperature.

(Taken at Messrs Falconer & Co.'s Premises Queen's Road.)

HONGKONG, May 14, 1878.
BAROMETER—9 A.M. ... 30.100
Do. 1 P.M. ... 30.080
Do. 4 P.M. ... 30.050
THERMOMETER—9 A.M. ... 78
Do. 1 P.M. ... 78
Do. 4 P.M. ... 78
Do. (Wet bulb) 9 A.M. 76
Do. 1 P.M. 76
Do. 4 P.M. 76
Do. Maximum ... 79
Do. Minimum over night 76

Shipping Intelligence.

The following is corrected from the latest London and Colonial Papers, &c.—

VESSELS TO ARRIVE AT HONGKONG.

When left.	Name.	From.	Remarks.
Oct.	19, Oscar.	Hamburg	
	25, Benedicta.	San Francisco	
Nov.	2, Minna.	London	
	3, Elizabeth Shields.	Hamburg	
	20, Jetti.	Cardiff	
Dec.	1, Glengaber.	Flushing	
	2, Otto.	Hamburg	
	13, Sir Harry Parkes.	London	
	19, Sedan.	Cardiff	
	—, E. B. Fuller.	Cardiff	
	23, J. E. Worcester.	London	
	—, G. S. S.	Liverpool	
Jan.	8, Kerne.	Penarth	
	18, Elvelico.	Cardiff	
	17, Elyton Castle.	Greenock	
	22, Belle of Oregon.	Liverpool	
	27, Earl of Devon.	Antwerp	
	30, Elizabeth Ohlida.	Plymouth	
	31, Wandering Jew.	Penarth	
Feb.	2, Per Ardua.	London	
	7, Nor Amal.	London	
	9, Lodore.	Falmouth	
	9, Hedwig.	Cardiff	
	21, Magdalen.	Cardiff	
	22, Nivethon.	Penarth	
	23, Eleanor.	Elyton	
	24, Esmeralda.	Cardiff	
	28, Highlander.	New York	

AT AMOY.

Sept.
1, Carl Wilhelm, Cardiff
Nov.
6, Catharine, Cardiff
LOADING FOR CHINA AND JAPAN PORTS.
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Robert Henderson,

To Let.

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Three Offices, in Club Chambers.
Apply to
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Hongkong, March 4, 1878.

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DAVID SASSOON, Sons & Co.
Hongkong, January 4, 1878.

TO LET.

A SUBSTANTIALLY-BUILT BUNGALOW on SHAMEN, in Canton. Possession from 26th May.
Apply to
AHMEDBOY HABIBBOY.
Hongkong, May 6, 1878.

Halls.



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Bombay, Madras, Calcutta, and Australia.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship *SHALLOON*, Captain J. C. BAROZ, will leave this on SATURDAY, the 18th May, at Noon.
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A. LIND, Superintendent.
Hongkong, May 4, 1878. my18

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Consular Invoices to accompany Overland Cargo should be sent to the Company's Offices in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 9, Praya Central.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, April 25, 1878. my28

Occidental & Oriental Steam-Ship Company.

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Freight will be received on Board until 4 p.m. of 4th June. PARCEL PACKAGES will be received at the Office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

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G. E. SMORE, Agent.
Hongkong, May 15, 1878.

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Near the Canton Steamer's Wharf.
Hongkong, July 13, 1878.

AFONG, PHOTOGRAPHER.

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Discount 20 %
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Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

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Hongkong, October 1, 1877. ocl

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Hongkong, April 17, 1878.

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MELOHERS & Co., Agents, Royal Insurance Company.
Hongkong, October 27, 1874.

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HONGKONG, August 23, 1877. an23

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Exclusives of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

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1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.
2. From Gas Works to the Novelty Iron Works.
3. From Novelty Iron Works to the Harbour Master's Office.
4. From Harbour Master's Office to the F. and O. Co.'s Office.
5. From F. and O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf.
6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.
7. From Naval Yard to the Pier.
8. From Pier to East Point.

Vessel's Name.	Section.	Captain.	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Consignees or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
Steamers.								
Albay	5	F. Ashton	Brit. str.	366	May 13	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Tamsui, etc.	16th Inst.
Alcona	5	Miller	Ger. str.	1179	May 13	Wm. Pustan & Co.	Saloon	
Alvion	5	Daniel	Brit. str.	1038	May 13	Meyer & Co.	Saloon	
America	5	Graham	Brit. str.	563	May 13	Bliley & Co.		
Argentine	5	Barnett	Brit. str.	915	April 22	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		For Sale
Argyll	5	Scott	Brit. str.	1271	May 2	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Barnaby	5	Potter	Brit. str.	1120	May 7	Gibb, Livingston & Co.		
Bertha	5	Langley	Brit. str.	1420	May 7	Geo. R. Stevens & Co.		Laid up
Bombay	5	Langley	Brit. str.	749	Feb. 12	Kwok Acheong		Laid up
Calders	5	Williams	Brit. str.	1803	May 11	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		Addeen Dock
Cassandra	5	Spewart	Brit. str.	95	Oct. 2	Kwok Acheong		
Cassimur	5	Langer	Ger. str.	1123	May 1	Butterfield & Swire		
Cassandria	5	Wood	Brit. str.	937	May 9	Wm. Pustan & Co.		
Cyphreus	5	Stapan	Brit. str.	1286	May 8	Gibb, Livingston & Co.		Tug Plying
Fame	5	Holland	Brit. str.	117		H.K. & W'poo Dock Co.		
Fatchoy	5	Holland	Brit. str.	163		G. MoBain		
Fitzpatrick	5	Humphries	Brit. str.	697	April 18	Geo Chong Hong		K'loon Dock
Flintshire	5	Thomas	Brit. str.	1243	May 6	H. Kier & Co.		
Glanville	5	Greig	Brit. str.	1688	April 21	Adamson, Bell & Co.		
Glenlyon	5	Wallace	Brit. str.	1878	May 14	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Shai & Yokohama	18th, noon
Gunga	5	Brover	Brit. str.	977	April 22	Geo. R. Stevens & Co.	Australian Ports	To-morrow
Japan	5	De Smidt	Brit. str.	1865	May 8	David Sassoon, Sons & Co.	S'pore, Calcutta, &c.	
Java	5	Weber	Dut. str.	886	May 14	Wm. Pustan & Co.	Saloon	
Jeddah	5	Clark	Brit. str.	1541	May 14	Geo Chong Hong		
Kienchow	5	Green	Brit. str.			Kwok Acheong		
Killarney	5	O'Neill	Brit. str.	1060	April 29	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Foochow	To-day
Kwangtung	5	Punhard	Brit. str.	670	May 11	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Coast Ports	To-morrow
Madagascar	5	Plumm	Ger. str.	884	May 7	Siemssen & Co.		
Maharajah	5	Clark	Brit. str.	994	May 9	Siemssen & Co.		
Meena	5	Morney	Brit. str.	678	Mar. 17	Landstein & Co.		Co'stan Dock
Ningpo	5	Caas	Brit. str.	781	May 12	Siemssen & Co.	Shanghai	To-day
Oxfordshire	5	C. F. Jones	Brit. str.	1323	May 12	Landstein & Co.		
Pernambuco	5	Hyde	Brit. str.	643	May 11	Melchers & Co.	Bangkok	16th, daylight
Prios Friedrich Carl	5	Mohr	Ger. str.	1100	May 10	Butterfield & Swire		
Quarta	5	Haye	Ger. str.	781	May 14	Sooy Shing	Saloon	
Quinta	5	Wang	Ger. str.	874	May 6	Sooy Shing	Nagasaki	17th, daylight
State of Alabama	5	Kitchie	Brit. str.	1611	May 7	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Yokohama	K'loon Dock
Sunda	5	Reeves	Brit. str.	1040	May 2	F. & O. S. N. Co.	S'pore, Calcutta, &c.	To-morrow
Venice	5	Rhode	Brit. str.	1271	May 4	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Yotung	5	Goggin	Brit. str.	281	May 12	Kwok Acheong		
Sailing Vessels.								
Aldebaran	2	Coile	Brit. bgo.	593	May 8	Borneo Co., Limited		Wanchai Pier
Andreas	2	Eagen	Ger. bgo.	240	April 27	Siemssen & Co.		
Anna Bertha	7	Felsson	Ger. bgo.	468	April 4	Wm. Pustan & Co.	Callao	
Anna Sibben	4	Penary	Ger. bgo.	395	April 5	Edward Schellhaus & Co.		
Augusta Reimar	2	Thomsen	Ger. sch.	947	April 24	Butterfield & Swire	Yokohama	Cleared
Blanca Portica	2	Canardi	Ital. bgo.	207	April 28	Captain	Bangkok	Cleared
Borneo	6	Shaw	Amer. sh.	668	Mar. 31	Thos. Howard & Co.		
Broma	2	Pinpo	Ger. bgo.	739	April 26	Arnold, Karberg & Co.		
Briabane	3	Budleston	Brit. bgo.	885	May 12	Wieler & Co.	Tientsin	
Carl Ritter	3	Tiger	Ger. bgo.	394	April 23	Russell & Co.		
Ceylon	2	Kelly	Amer. bgo.	668	May 8	Siemssen & Co.		
Chosola	2	Kennett	Brit. bgo.	681	May 8	Olyphant & Co.		
Corona	2	Spence	Brit. sh.	284	May 1	1 Gas Company		
Crusader	4	Gorham	Amer. bgo.	1199	Feb. 18	Meyer & Co.	Manila	
Cuba	4	Stabel	Brit. bgo.	668	Mar. 14	Captain		For Sale
Devana	2	May	Brit. bgo.	310	April 23	Meyer & Co.	London	Wanchai Pier
Echo	2	Forer	Brit. bgo.	795	April 9	Meyer & Co.		
Eleanora	2	Barmby	Amer. sh.	389	April 27	Arnold, Karberg & Co.		
Elizabeth	3	Permen	Brit. bgo.	1181	Feb. 26	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	London	
Elizabeth Ostle	3	Fin	Brit. bgo.	312	Mar. 30	Wieler & Co.	Honolulu	
Elise	2	Ohlsen	Ger. bgo.	740	April 14	Meyer & Co.	Yokohama	Cleared
Enid	1	Brathwaite	Brit. bgo.	447	April 23	Wieler & Co.	Manila	
Florence Nightingale	1	Molnyre	Brit. bgo.	495	April 1	Arnold, Karberg & Co.	Tientsin	
Formosa	4	Schwartz	Ger. bgo.	464	May 3	Arnold, Karberg & Co.		
Forward	4	Wanderford	Brit. bgo.	282	May 3	Melchers & Co.		
Frank Marion	4	Elridge	Amer. bgo.	878	April 18	Rosario & Co.		Sands' Slip
Georgie	3	Leprie	Fah. bgo.	787	April 7	Meyer & Co.		
Georgia	3	Romey	Brit. bgo.	639	May 3	Landstein & Co.		
Glamorganshire	2	McEachern	Brit. bgo.	315	April 18	H. Kier & Co.		
Great Admiral	4	Thompson	Amer. sh.	456	April 19	Russell & Co.		